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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEVIN J. THORNE
JAMES J. BENEDICT

Serial No.: 09/746,921

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR
BONE GROWTH AND REPAIR

Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Patricia A. Leith

Attorney Docket: 2103.013700/RFE
(SBI-073)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed
on October 17, 2005.

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously
filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other _____

2.

Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37
C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall
not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)

b. ☐ Other _____

3.

Fees

 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account
No. 50-0786 if check missing or insufficient.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$910.00 enclosed

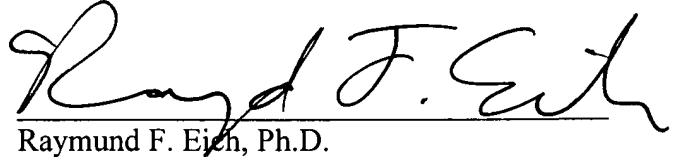
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Respectfully submitted,

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November 21, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymund F. Eich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

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